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Message: To Whom It May Concern:

We submit the following documents in U.S. Application No. 09/603,020, filed 26 June 2000:

- 1. Transmittal Letter, and
- 2. Response to Restriction Requirement.

The above-referenced application has been assigned to Examiner Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit, Group Art Unit 2143.

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#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Regarding the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, the following documents are being submitted, via facsimile, for filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1. Transmittal Letter (1 page);
- 2. Response To Requirement For Restriction (5 pages), and
- 3. Fax Cover Sheet to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (1 page).

Respectfully Submitted.

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### RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, dated 16 September 2003, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Serial No. 09/603,020 Amendment and Remarks responsive to Requirement for Restriction mailed 16 September 2003

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